

Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

OFFICE: Humboldt River Field Office/Winnemucca District

TRACKING NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-W010-0062-DNA

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: SRP # NVW01000-12-04

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: 2012 Cheaters MC Race

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

T27N R25E	T26N R25E	T27N R26E	T26N R26E	T27N R27E
Sec. 01, 12 25, 36	Sec. 01	Sec. 06-08 12-14 16-18 19-23 29-36	Sec. 03-08 10, 15 17-22 27-29	Sec. 07, 08 17, 20, 29, 30

APPLICANT:

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A. Description of the Proposed Action with attached map(s) and any applicable mitigation measures. Paul Zieger representing the Cheaters Motorcycle Club has applied for a Special Recreation Permit (SRP # NVW01000-12-04) to conduct a motorcycle race in the Sahwave Mountains and Granite Springs Valley area on November 24 & 25, 2012.

The proposed race is on the portions of numerous courses (2000 Trailblazers, 2003 Trailblazers, and 2003 Tank Slappers) used in the past.

No new ground disturbance would result from this proposed race. This is the same course used in October 2008 and 2009.

There are two to three proposed races for Saturday November 25. The pee wee racers (aged 3-7) would use a short portion of the race track in the vicinity of the start area. The mini riders (80-125cc bikes) and Amateur Women class (these two races maybe combined or eliminated depending on number of participants) would utilize the smaller loops as shown on the route map. There would be approximately 50 competitors between the two – three events.

The main race would be held on Sunday November 25. The start area as proposed would be on the Adobe Flats (also known as the Blue Wing Playa). Approximately 125 racers would be racing in stages depending on age, skill level and size of motorcycle. Two loops of the 40 + mile course will be required of the Pro riders, and one loop for all other skill levels.

Road wardens with flags would be stationed on major road crossings and along check points spread throughout the course. Any racer that does not make all checkpoints would be disqualified. Temporary directional signs would be placed throughout the course as well as signs that warn the driver of potentially hazardous areas.

The proposed course does cross sections of private land (checker board) and involves approximately 2 miles of the course. The proponent would be required to obtain permission to use all privately owned lands.

Upon conclusion of the race, the course would be ridden by race representatives in order to pick up any debris left by the racers and perform any necessary road or trail rehabilitation.

Most participants and spectators will be utilizing self-contained motor homes and trailers. The proponents would be required to provide potable restrooms. The proponents would also be required to provide for basic emergency medical care.

BLM representatives (LE Rangers and / or Outdoor Recreation Planners) would make on site visits during all phases of the race operation.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: Sonoma-Gerlach MFP III Date Approved: July 1982

H-2930-1 Recreation Permit Administration Date Approved: 2006

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for the following LUP decisions:

Motorcycle racing is not specifically addressed in the LUP

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions.

Objective R1: Provide as many recreational opportunities as possible without undo environmental degradation in the Sonoma-Gerlach area.

Although the sport of motorcycle racing was not specifically discussed in the Sonoma-Gerlach MFP, this action would be within the intent of the objectives of the land use plan. **The location of the proposed course was established as being open to off-road vehicles.**

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

- 1) 2000 Trailblazers Motorcycle Race
EA # NV-020-00-13
DR/FONSI signed May 2000
- 2) 2003 Trailblazers
EA# NV-020-03-11
DR/FONSI signed March 2003
- 3) 2003 Tank Slappers
EA# NV-020-03-08
DR/FONSI signed February 2003

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).

Not Applicable

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA documents(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The information upon which the existing NEPA documents are based remains valid and germane to the proposed action. The

current proposed course is the same as that analyzed for previous races. The number of participants expected is the same or less than previous races, and the race is in the general time frame as previously analyzed.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA documents(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

The current proposed route is a combination of previously evaluated and subsequently approved routes.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation: There has been no new information or circumstances identified since the completion of previously referenced EAs with the exception of the concern regarding the Greater Sage Grouse. None of the proposed route is within Preliminary Priority Habitat or Preliminary General Priority Habitat. The dates of the proposed race are outside of migratory bird nesting season.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action are unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA documents. There would be temporary impacts to the previously used course, but as part of the stipulations for permitting the race the WSRA would return to the course within a month to rehabilitate the course via dragging and raking berms and ruts. Depending on soil type and weather, all road and trail impacts are virtually unnoticeable after a one to three season rest.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation: In addition to the public scoping involved in the development of the EAs listed above, the race proponents would be responsible for contacting all private land owners, Right of Way owners, and County departments as appropriate.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

See Attached Section E for Review Signatures and Conclusion

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E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

Name /Title	Resource/Agency Represented	Signature/Date	Comments (Attach if more room is needed)
Cultural Resources	Pat Haynal	\s\ Patrick Haynal	None
Native American Religious Concerns	Mark Hall	\s\ Mark Hall 10/20/2012	None
Paleontological Resources	Pat Haynal	\s\ Patrick Haynal	None
Realty	Debbie Dunham	\s\ Debbie Dunham 10/1/12	None
Recreation	Joey Carmosino	\s\ VJ Carmosino September 24, 2012	None
Rangeland Management	Wes Barry	\s\ G. Noles for Wes Nov 2, 2012	None
Hazardous Wastes	John Callan	\s\ John L Callan 10/1/2012	None
Fire Management	Mike Feticc	\s\ M Feticc 10/22/2012	None
Vegetation/Soils	Rob Burton	\s\ Rob Burton 09/25/2012	None
Invasive, Non-Native Species	Eric Baxter	\s\ E Baxter 09/25/2012	None

T&E Species, Special Status Species, General Wildlife Habitat	Kathy Cadigan	\s\ K. Cadigan 09/24/2012	None
Wild Horse & Burro	Melanie Mirati	\s\ A DeForrest for Melanie 10/25/2012	None
GIS	Dan Kozar	\s\ Dan Cozar 10/22/12	None
Lands w/ Wilderness Characteristics	Kristine Struck	\s\ Kristine M Struck 10/15/12	No new surface disturbance No new routes
NEPA Coordinator	Zwaantje Rorex	\s\ Zwanntje Rorex 11/2/12	None

Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

☒ **Conclusion** *(If you found that one or more of these criteria is not met, you will not be able to check this box.)*

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM' compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

\s\ V J Carmosino
Signature of Project Lead

\s\ Zwaantje Rorex
Signature of NEPA Coordinator

\s\ Edward Seum
Signature of the Responsible Official

11-7-2012
Date

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.